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More than 1,800 arrested for drunk driving in Michigan during end-of-summer crackdown

More than 3,200 motorists had a chill put on the end of summer during the recent *You Drink & Drive. You Lose.* drunk driving crackdown. Michigan law enforcement officers arrested 1,844 motorists for drunk driving and another 1,387 for other alcohol-related offenses during the statewide campaign that included the Labor Day holiday weekend.

More than 500 local police agencies, county sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts across the state focused on drunk driving from Aug. 19 – Sept. 5 as part of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning's (OHSP) statewide campaign.

"Law enforcement officers across the state used their specialized training and equipment to make this end of summer holiday a safe one," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director. "Those motorists who didn't heed our warnings found themselves under arrest."

According to the agencies reporting statistics to OHSP, 63,162 vehicles were stopped. In addition to the alcohol arrests, there were 1,100 felony and 4,803 misdemeanor arrests. Officers also wrote 18,931 speeding citations and issued 3,406 safety belt citations for motorists over the age of 15 and 168 child restraint citations.

Preliminary results show there were 10 traffic fatalities in Michigan over the Labor Day holiday weekend, two of which involved alcohol, according to the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

For more specific results, including a breakdown by county, visit www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

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